

English: Providing the best start for all learners

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Location: Online, via Microsoft Teams

IAPS Members: £99 Non-IAPS Members: £125

Audience: English teachers and Heads of English from EYFS to KS3

Course Director: Marc Knight, IAPS Subject Adviser for English

Presenters: Marc Knight, Helen Battelley and Michael Hartland, NACE Associate

09:00

Registration

Session 1: Early writers - how to get the best outcome

- How to strengthen early writing outcomes. This session explores what it truly means to support young children as writers, moving beyond surface-level expectations to consider the developmental foundations of writing, including movement, language, and composition.
- With a clear link to current policy and practice, this session will offer practical, research-informed strategies to enhance provision, ensuring children develop confidence, fluency, and purpose in their early writing journeys.

09:10

Helen Battelley

10:10

Break

Session 2: Stretching your KS2/3 writers

- Explore ways you make sure every learner is engaged and is making great progress with their writing.
- Which texts should we be using to spark interest?

10:20

Michael Hartland from NACE

11:00

Comfort break

Session 3: How to add value to your English Department and sharing best practice

11:05

Marc Knight, English subject adviser

12:00

Course ends

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